

HARDING REJECTS DEBS PARDON PLEA

Tells Socialist Nominee's Advocate He Has Not Time to Review His Case.

IS BELIEVER IN AMNESTY

Senator Well Pleased With Hiram Johnson's Statement on Acceptance.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD.

MAKES, O., July 24.—Senator Harding refused today to join in making a plea for clemency for Eugene V. Debs, Socialist nominee for President, who is conducting his campaign from a frontier in the Federal prison at Atlanta, where he is a war prisoner. Declaring he had full belief in the freedom of speech, the Senator declined to subscribe to the doctrine that "a man has a right to think wrong."

Parley P. Christensen, Presidential nominee of the Farmer Labor Party, wrote to Mr. Harding suggesting that the several nominees show their sporting qualities by uniting in petitioning for a pardon for their opponent behind the bars. In his answer the Senator stated: "I have your telegram relating to the release from prison of Eugene V. Debs. I think as heartily as you do in freedom of thought and speech and press within the limitations which guarantee our liberty, and I can well believe we differ little about the abuses of that freedom which the Republic is in peril. I believe in generous amnesty for political prisoners, but this broad policy does not justify a hasty disposition of any case before it is considered on its merits. It is impossible to utter an opinion without such review."

Mr. Christensen said he disliked entering the campaign while one of his opponents is in prison, "and especially for no crime other than an honest public ex-

pression of his political views." What ever justification there may have been for the Government denying to Debs his freedom during the war ended twenty months ago with the advent of peace, Mr. Christensen urged.

"My conception of liberty includes the right to think wrong," Christensen added. "I say to Mr. Debs and to others with whom I disagree, including the candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties, 'I loathe your ideas but I will defend with my life your right to express them.' Does it not appeal to you as a matter of simple justice that the Presidential candidates of the Republican and Democratic and Farmer Labor parties should join in a demand upon the President of the United States to release the Socialist candidate from Atlanta prison? As for me, it shall not be said that I have been a party to the persecution of any man for the opinion he holds, and I should so regard myself if I failed to publicly announce my condemnation of the imprisonment of Debs now that he has entered a race in which he is a competitor. Your sense of sportsmanship must have led you since your nomination to consider the position of Debs. I beseech an answer from you to this proposal."

Working hard on the documents in which he will further argue his case before the public in the coming days, the Senator expressed in today's dispatch the warm response which has come from every part of the country and every faction of Republicans. The Senator said:

"I am gratified over the many expressions of approval which have been shown. It is very pleasing to be assured that I have correctly spoken the Republican interpretation of the platform. Of course it is good to be assured of Senator Johnson's cordial approval. There never was any doubt in my own mind about the ultimate commitment of progressive Republicans to the Republican cause this year. Under the recommitment to party government it is our special business to make the Republican party expressive of the thought of the American citizenship which composes it."

Senator Johnson's unqualified endorsement of the nominee's position on the League of Nations brought cheer to all the party leaders as well as to Harding. The only question of doubt was whether the nominee would go far enough to satisfy the more radical opponents of the

League. His advanced stand at the very outset of the campaign has caused uncertainty on the part of the more conservative Democrats. The party has not been as united and militant since the days of the civil war, Lafayette Young of Iowa, formerly Senator, declared today after visiting Mr. Harding. The acceptance speech was "bold and manly and met every issue face to face," Mr. Young said. He added:

"It rejoices many that the Senator is such a splendid man and such a thoroughgoing Republican. The party never has been so united since the civil war as it is now in the support of Senator Harding and Gov. Coolidge. When the party had its old fight years ago the daily newspapers every day had statements from distinguished Republicans stating why they could not support the ticket. Nothing of that kind is happening now. Every fighter is inside the breasting. If the Republican party cannot elect Senator Harding the party could not elect any one."

"Men who are in business trouble when they think of the possibility of four years more of Wilsonism and they look upon Harding as the hope in November."

"Your speech was splendid," Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York, telegraphed to the Senator.

Benjamin N. Dwyer of San Francisco telegraphed that in California there was expressed the greatest satisfaction with the Senator's declarations and said the State had added greatly to the party's strength throughout the West.

William S. Benner of Portland telegraphed the Senator he would carry Oregon by 25,000 at least.

It rejoices many that the Senator is such a splendid man and such a thoroughgoing Republican. The party never has been so united since the civil war as it is now in the support of Senator Harding and Gov. Coolidge. When the party had its old fight years ago the daily newspapers every day had statements from distinguished Republicans stating why they could not support the ticket. Nothing of that kind is happening now. Every fighter is inside the breasting. If the Republican party cannot elect Senator Harding the party could not elect any one."

RANCHERS PIN HOPE ON HARDING VICTORY

Democrats Blamed for Low Wool and Cattle Prices.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, July 24.—The drop in wool and cattle prices is to be a very important factor in swinging the sentiment of the voters in the Rocky Mountain States toward Senator Harding, according to word brought today to the national committee's chairman, Will H. Hays, by Holm Burum, national committeeman from New Mexico.

There has been a steady downward

trend in cattle prices since the signing of the armistice, due, Mr. Burum believes, to pressure brought by the present Democratic Administration. The lowest values in wool are a more recent development, and while due to a cutting off in demand for consumption rather than any Federal action, find much of Western sheep raisers nearing bankruptcy.

"The situation is wiping out party lines," said Mr. Burum. "These men find rule facing them. They believe Senator Harding's election means better conditions, and they're going to vote for him as a matter of self-preservation."

"The cattle owners are certain that the lowered price of beef, which cut off much of their revenue, is due to the Federal authorities. They are all strong for Harding."

SAY HINDOO KILLED NEGRO.

Quarrel Over Woman Led to Murder, Police Charge.

MIKE GINGHY, 25 years old, a Hindoo, described to the police yesterday, according to detectives of the West Thirty-seventh street station, how he killed John Siball, 40 years old, a negro laborer, with whom he had rooms at 112 West Thirty-seventh street.

Ginghy said he had quarreled with Siball over a woman, and that he was walking home with Siball when he decided to shoot him. Siball stopped in front of the door. Ginghy said, according to the detectives, that he fired a bullet into the man's chest and fled. The detectives said after making the confession Ginghy led them to Thirty-seventh street and Eighth avenue, where they found a revolver, with which they said the shooting was done.

HARDING TO REPAIR WILSON'S MISTAKES

Washington Is Enthusiastic Over Promised Action to Put Nation at Peace.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Popular reaction to Senator Warren G. Harding's speech accepting the Republican nomination for President has set in, and it is everything he and the party managers had hoped for, according to authentic representations that have reached Washington from all parts of the country.

Yesterday and today politicians and business men have come into this city from nearly every State east of the Mississippi River. The Republicans among them are enthusiastic over the reception of the Harding speech by all classes and conditions of voters, while the Democrats have a worried expression when the subject is mentioned and indicate pretty plainly that they have merely Cox will do as well in his speech of acceptance.

A canvass of these incoming travelers by a correspondent for THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD shows that Harding's fearless and masterful handling of the League of Nations and peace issue has made the deepest impression every-

where. Even Democrats say privately that the country wants to return to a peace status at the earliest possible moment, and is impatient with the delay that has been caused by the stubborn insistence of President Wilson that there can be no peace without his League of Nations unchanged from the form in which he brought it back from Versailles.

Peace Promise Proves Popular.

Consequently the promise of Senator Harding that the first act of the Republican President and the Republican Congress after March 4 will be to restore peace with Germany and Austria in the usual manner and that the complicated and troublesome League covenant will be left for disposition at a later date, with the prospect of an entirely new scheme for the association of the United States with the other nations that will not threaten the independent action of this country, has struck a popular chord.

The general opinion is that this is the only common sense way of going about the matter, now that the President has got the country's international relations into such a mess.

The Republicans say that if Senator Harding continues throughout the campaign to exhibit this kind of common sense, the grand old party need have no fear of the results next November at the polls. And those who know Harding best declare that not the slightest bit of fear need be wasted in this regard.

There is a widespread feeling throughout the country among Democrats as well as Republicans that Mr. Wilson's pet League of Nations is responsible for nearly all the ills from which the country is now suffering. It has certainly prevented peace being restored many months ago, and by blocking important

legislative measures in Congress it has had a detrimental effect on domestic conditions which is no less pronounced because it is indirect.

The present seething condition of eastern Europe which has brought a renewal of the world war within the range of possibilities has not served to allay the fears of Democratic leaders that the League issue is a mighty poor one for the Democrats to make their chief campaign issue. The prospect of a call on the United States by the council of the League for an army to send into Poland to fight the Bolsheviks is not pleasing. That would be the move of the Entente Allies in case of further trouble, if the United States were a member of the League, nobody seriously doubts here.

Would Kill Wilson League.

Such a call would place this country in an extremely embarrassing position. The sending of more American troops to Europe at this time is the last thing the American people want to do. No politician pretends to take any other view, but President Wilson has stated that the United States would be "morally bound" to accept this responsibility and he has declared to members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations that he regards such a moral obligation as more compelling than a legal obligation. In this opinion the most vigorous opponents of the League in the Senate have thoroughly agreed with him, and for that very reason they have determined to kill the Wilson League.

It is the universal opinion in Washington that if the Republicans carry the country in November the first important act of Senator Harding after he is sworn in as President will be to call an extra session of Congress to cooperate

with him not only in restoring peace with the Central Powers at the earliest possible moment but to repeal existing wartime legislation and take steps to put the country back on a normal pre-war basis.

The wholehearted endorsement of the Harding speech by Senator Hiram Johnson (Cal.), chief opponent of the League of Nations in the Senate, has added to the enthusiasm of the Republicans. They are rapidly reaching a point where they will offer big odds that Senator Harding will sweep the whole country in the elections. Only a desire to appear conservative prevents them from doing so now, for they believe it.

REED DIDN'T INSULT WILSON.

Senator Denies He Called President "Braying Animal."

NEVADA, Mo., July 24.—Senator James M. Reed (Mo.) in an address here today denied that he had ever indulged in personalities in speeches with reference to President Wilson's position on the League of Nations issue. He declared that while he had criticized certain utterances and acts of the President, he had too much respect for the "great office of the President to attack him personally." The Senator stated he had never had a personal difference with the President.

"It has been recently said that I referred to the President as a 'braying animal,'" Senator Reed continued. "No such expression ever passed my lips, certainly not intentionally."

"It is quite possible for men charged with great responsibilities to entertain diametrically opposite views upon great questions without being actuated by personal anger or hatred."



Stewart & Co.

Fifth Ave. At 37th St.

Correct Apparel for Women & Misses

Naive and Captivating are the

NEW MODES for AUTUMN

Smart of line and bedecked with fine embroideries and ornate effects are the new Autumn Modes, hinting of the beauty of the approaching Fall.

New Dresses for Fall

39.50 and up

Paris says straight simple lines and very simple drapings—elaborate embroideries and Eastern motifs. The fabrics soft-toned and luxurious, include soft Satin, Creped Back Satin, Charmeuse, Duvetyn, Canton Crepe; also fine Tricotine and Poiret Twill.

New Suits for Fall

55.00 and up

Long, graceful lines and master tailoring distinguish the new Suit Modes for Autumn. Delicate stitching or more elaborate embroideries enhance the lines. Favored fabrics are the new Veldyn, Silk Duvetyn, Peachbloom, Duvet de Laine, Yalama Cloth and Tricotine.

Clearance Sale of Smart Mid-Summer Apparel

At Extraordinary Price Concessions

Chic Summer Skirts

Formerly Selling to 9.75

4.75

A wide variety of extremely smart Summer Skirts, in non-shrinkable Gabardine and Tricotine. Attractive pockets, button trimmings and detachable belts.

Smart Sports Skirts

Formerly Selling to 24.50

10.00

A wide selection of the very smartest of the Summer Skirts, developed in Crepe de Chine, Georgette, Dew Kist, Washable Flannels and Satins and fancy Sport Silks.

Remarkable Reductions

About 150

Wool Jersey Suits

Heretofore Selling to 39.50

18.75 and 25.00

In Plain and Heather Shades

The 18.75 Group includes several ultra-smart models in jaunty belted designs, with Tuxedo fronts, novel pockets, collar and cuff treatments.

The 25.00 Collection embraces three distinct models, exhibiting tailoring unsurpassed. Roll, Tuxedo and plain notch collars, fine pin-tuck inverted seams and interesting pocket, button and belting effects.

Smart, Practical Bathing Suits

Heretofore Selling to 18.75

3.95 and 12.50

Two very special groups. Bathing Dresses and Swimming Suits, in Surf Cloth, Satin, Taffeta, Wool Jersey and Fibre Silk. Also a number of hand-painted Taffeta models. Clever sash effects, piping, armlets, pearl buttons and embroidery stitching.

Real Linen Suits

Very Specially Reduced

22.50

Smart, distinctive models in real French Linen, with Tuxedo fronts, plain notch collars, Smart belts, fine Pearl Button trimmings, roomy patch pockets and hand-made buttonholes.

Silk Shantung Suits

Formerly Selling at 39.50

29.50

Faultlessly tailored in Shantung Minghai, first quality, made in Japan, these smart Suits feature plain notch or Tuxedo collars, two and four pockets; Pearl buttons and Self strap trimmings.

Smart, Practical Bathing Suits

Heretofore Selling to 18.75

3.95 and 12.50

Two very special groups. Bathing Dresses and Swimming Suits, in Surf Cloth, Satin, Taffeta, Wool Jersey and Fibre Silk. Also a number of hand-painted Taffeta models. Clever sash effects, piping, armlets, pearl buttons and embroidery stitching.

Jaunty Capes, Wraps & Coats

Regardless of Cost or Former Prices

25.00 and 35.00

Two very special groups. Unusually handsome Coats, Capes and Wraps, developed in soft Taffeta, Peachbloom, Duvetyn-Velour and Polo Cloth enhanced by tier effects, huge collars, picot edging and fine Silk embroidery stitching.

Remarkable Reductions on Winsome Summer Frocks

Regardless of Cost or Former Prices

7.75

This Collection comprises cool, comfortable Dresses in Plain or Figured Voile and Gingham, adorned with fine ruffles, frills, self-points and dainty laces.

Remarkable Reductions on Organdie & Voile Dresses

Regardless of Cost or Former Prices

15.00

Imported Organdie and Imported Voile Dresses, with exquisite lace, embroidery, frills, beading and piping. Also a limited number of real French and Irish Linen Dresses.

21-23 W. 38th St. Just West of 5th Ave.

Lane Bryant

Specialists in Ultra Smart Apparel for Stout Women, Sizes 39½ to 56

Will Close Out

Beginning Monday their entire stock of high grade summer apparel, including dresses, coats, suits, skirts, waists and underwear, all specially designed on lines that give the stout woman the appearance of slenderness. The items listed are only a few of the many offerings.

At Great Reductions

Summer Frocks

About 125 smart summer frocks of Voile. Mostly light colors. Were up to 16.50.

Also 150 frocks of fine Voile in light or dark colors. Were up to 24.00.

10.50
14.50

Wash Skirts

About 150 skirts. Smartest tailored styles in Pique and Gabardine. Choice of plain white and dainty hairline stripes. Full roomy sizes specially proportioned for the stout woman. Extraordinary values. Were up to 9.00.

5.95

Tailored Suits

About 75 suits altogether in a variety of pleasing styles. Wool Serge, light weight Worsted and Gabardine. All beautifully tailored. Sizes from 39 to 56 bust, but not all sizes in every style. Were up to 79.50.

39.75

Cool Waists

Just 170 fine cool cotton waists. Made of sheer cotton Voile and Dimity. Some tailored styles with deep roll collars and hand embroidered dots. Others daintily trimmed with embroidery and lace. Were 6.95.

4.95

Vantine's

The Oriental Store.

Fifth Avenue and 39th Street

Sale of Fine Jewelry

\$15,000 Worth at 1/3 to 1/2 Reductions

Included in this sale are necklaces, brooches, pendants, bracelets, cigarette cases, chains of gold and silver, scarf pins, etc., rare and exquisite designs, from the smaller priced \$3.00 pieces up to \$1200 brooches. All marked at one-third to one-half reductions.

A suggestion: Make your selection of Gifts now and Save.

(Main Floor)
None C. O. D. No Exchanges or Credits.

To Visitors in New York

While in our city we shall be glad to welcome you to this veritable Mecca of objects of art and utility, centrally located at Fifth Avenue and Thirty-ninth Street, and easily accessible from all hotels and depots.

Vantine's, the most interesting store in the world—is a wondrous, ever-changing exposition of antique and modern works of art from the nooks and corners of Japan, China, Turkey, Persia and India, rivaling in every way many of the greatest show places of the metropolis.

A Special Announcement

See tomorrow morning's papers for big sale of Men's Imported Shirts and Vantine's Exclusive Ties, at big reductions.

Store Hours: 9 to 5. Saturday, Closed.